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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES-INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NOMINEE

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1. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO NOMINATE DR. ION CETERCHI, CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ROMANIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, FOR A THIRTY-DAY VISIT TO THE U.S. UNDER THE POST IV PROGRAM. IF ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, CETERCHI WILL ARRIVE IN THE U.S. ON AUGUST 19 AND DEPART SEPTEMBER 16. THE NOMINEE WILL REQUIRE A FRENCH LANGUAGE ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

2. CETERCHI'S TRAVEL IS TIED TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 24 - 29 WHICH HE WILL ATTEND AS AN OFFICIAL DELEGATE. THE NOMINEE WILL, THEREFORE, BE INSIBLE FOR H Z INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BUCHAREST-ST. LOUIS-BUCHAREST. IN ADDITION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF EUR/EE, CETERCHI HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 2-5.

3. DR. CETERCHI, A FULL RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, HOLDS KEY POSITIONS IN THE ROMANIAN LEGISLATIVE, LEGAL, GOVERNMENTAL, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELDS. AS CHAIRMAN, UNCLASSIFIED

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, COUNCIL OF STATE, HE IS

RESPONSIBLE, INTER ALIA, FOR PREPARING OR REVIEWING NEW DRAFT LEGISLATION BEFORE SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENT (GNA) AND FOR CULLING OBSOLETE LEGISLATION FROM BOOKS. HE IS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF STATE, WHICH ACTS (TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENCY) WHEN GNA IS NOT IN SESSION, AND IS A GNA MEMBER (ROMANIAN PROTOCOL EQUIVALENT OF MEMBER OF CONGRESS). AS CHAIRMAN, ELECTORAL COMMISSION, HE RAN ROMANIA'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN MARCH 1975. HE IS ROMANIA'S FOREMOST STATE (PUBLIC) LAW SPECIALIST AND HAS WRITTEN A NUMBER OF ARTICLES AND BOOKS AND TEACHES AT BUCHAREST UNIVERSITY'S LAW SCHOOL, AS WELL AS HAVING AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN THE DIRECTION OF ROMANIAN LEGAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ROMANIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (SOME 300 SPECIALISTS), HE HAS HAD CONTACT WITH SEVERAL RECENT (1975) AMERICAN STAG VISITORS, NOTABLY PROFESSOR MARTIN DIAMOND, AND SUPERVISES THE WORK OF THE ROMANIAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. CETERCHI IS ALSO A VICE-PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA'S ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES. ON THE IDEOLOGICAL FRONT, HE HAS TAKEN PART IN MEETINGS AMONG REPRESENTATIVES FROM EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON STATE AND LAW ISSUES, WHERE HE HAS DEFENDED THE ROMANIAN POSITION. CETERCHI IS THUS THE HIGHEST RANKING IVP NOMINEE IN THE POLITICAL FIELD FROM BUCHAREST IN RECENT MEMORY, POSSIBLY EVER; HE WILL BE MAKING HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. CETERCHI'S INTERESTS, AS REGARDS HIS IVP PROGRAM, FOCUS ON: (1) MAKING THE LEGISLATIVE, LEGAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS IN ROMANIA MORE STREAMLINED, MODERN AND EFFICIENT (WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO U.S. SYSTEMS-ELECTRONIC DATA-PROCESSING TECHNIQUES AND INFORMATION-HANDLING METHODS); (2) ESTABLISHING CONTACTS AND, IF POSSIBLE, COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN HIMSELF AND U.S. NEGOTIATORS, JURISTS, LAW AND JURIDICAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS (PARTICULARLY THOSE LIABLE TO HELP IN (1) ABOVE, AS WELL AS WITH POLITICAL SCIENTISTS AND THEIR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS; (3) MAKING THE MOST OF HIS ATTENDANCE AT PHILOSOPHY OF LAW CONFERENCE (ST. LOUIS, AUGUST 24-29) AND AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE CONVENTION (SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 2-5) IN EXPOSURE TO LATEST METHODOLOGY AND INSIGHT IN U.S. SOCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SCIENCE RESEARCH WHICH MAY BE OF VALUE IN THE ADMITTEDLY QUITE DISSIMILAR ROMANIAN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CONTEXT. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED, MORE GENERALLY, IN UNSTRUCTURED ENCOUNTERS WITH HIS U.S. PROFESSIONAL PEERS AND COLLEAGUES, ABOUT WHOM HE IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, VERY WELL INFORMED.

5. EMBOFFS MET WITH CETERCHI JUNE 9 AND DISCUSSED

HIS POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING IN THE U.S. WE SUGGESTED, AND REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE, THAT CETERCHI TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON ARRIVAL IN U.S. FOR PROGRAMMING THERE DURING THE PERIOD PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

A) THE WOODROW WILSON CENTER WHERE RECENT DEPARTMENT STAGS MARTIN AND ANN DIAMOND MAY BE WILLING TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AND HOSPITALITY;

B) MEETINGS WITH SUITABLE CONGRESSIONAL AIDES AND COMMITTEE STAFF (AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE) EXPERIENCED AND INTERESTED IN LEGISLATIVE AND INFORMATION HANDLING TECHNIQUES;

C) CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING SERVICE, LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE, AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS;

D) CHARLES RHYNE OR APPROPRIATE STAFFER AT WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CENTER;

E) AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION;

F) NON-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OR "THINK-TANKS" DEALING IN CAPITAL HILL MATTERS SUCH AS CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY.

6. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT PERHAPS RECENTLY RETIRED SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF CHIEF CARL MARCY MAY BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH CETERCHI. ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED ARE A VISIT TO THE SUPREME COURT, A CALL ON A PROMINENT WASHINGTON MEDIA COMMENTATOR, AS WELL AS NORMAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGHTSEEING AS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. WE ASSUME THAT CETERCHI'S WASHINGTON SCHEDULE WILL BE IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL.

7. CALLS TO BE CONSIDERED AS PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOLLOWING APSA CONVENTION INCLUDE STAG AARON WILDAVSKY'S PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE AT BERKELEY AND A VISIT WITH MAYOR JOSEPH ALIOTO (WHO HAS VISITED ROMANIA). CETERCHI IS ALSO INTERESTED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATIVE TECHNIQUES.

8. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE FROM SAN FRANCISCO, POST SUGGESTS THAT CETERCHI BE SCHEDULED TO VISIT MAJOR UNIVERSITY CENTER. IDEALLY, PROGRAM AGENCY COULD COORDINATE THIS PORTION OF HIS U.S. VISIT WITH INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING APSA CONVENTION. CONCLUSION OF VISIT SHOULD BE, OF COURSE,

IN NEW YORK/NEW ENGLAND.

9. AS IS USUAL WITH ROMANIAN VISITORS, POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AGENCY DEVELOP STRONG SUBSTANTIVE PRACTICAL PROGRAM WITH APPROPRIATE SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO WEEKENDS.

10. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE EMBASSY OF ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION (INCLUDING INCREASED PER DIEM) WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY AND CUSTOMARY GIVEN CETERCHI'S RANK AND POSITION.

11. POST RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT WRITE GRANT FOR CETERCHI FROM FY-1975 FUNDS AS PER REFTEL IF POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY IS DEVELOPING FURTHER PRIORITY LIST OF ADDITIONAL PRINCIPALS AND ALTERNATES WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED BY CABLE PRIOR END OF FISCAL YEAR FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FY-1975. THESE NOMINEES WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN AIRGRAM FORM AND WILL CONSTITUTE EMBASSY IV PROPOSALS FOR FY-1976.
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